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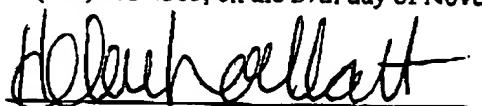
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 9) mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 25, 2000.

Applicants elect Group 1 (Claims 1-7, 9, 11, and 50), drawn to a nucleic acid, expression vector, host cell, and pharmaceutical composition, classified in Class 435, subclasses 252.3, 320.1, and Class 424, subclass 278.1.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 12, 17, 21-22, 25, 34, 52-54, and 60-61 as being drawn to non-elected inventions.

REMARKS

The elected claims 1-7, 9, 11, and 50 are drawn to a nucleic acid, expression vector, host cell, and pharmaceutical composition.

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